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I HEREBY DECREE:

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HUNTING AND GAME PROTECTION ACT

Chapter one

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Article 1

This Law shall define the relations concerning ownership, protection and management of game animals, the organization of the hunting economy, the rights to hunt and trade in game animals and game-animal products.

Article 2

- (1) The game animals in the Republic of Bulgaria shall be [private](#) property of the state.
- (2) The game animals shall be managed in hunting economy regions by population.

Article 3

- (1) The preservation of game as national wealth aims at conserving the gene pool and the diversity of species, increasing and sustainable development of the game animal reserves, enrichment of fauna and preservation of the ecological balance in the natural environment.
- (2) The preservation of game animals shall be the basic principle in hunting area organization and hunting economy management, in game animal management and in the exercising of hunting rights.
- (3) Preservation shall involve activities of protection, guarding and control in game management and in the exercising of hunting rights.

Article 4

Hunting area organization, hunting economy management and game animal management control shall be carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests.

Article 5

- (4) Pursuant hereto, game animals shall be all mammals and birds that are subject to hunting, living free in natural conditions or bred in fenced areas for the purposes of the hunting economy.
- (5) Subject to hunting shall be:
 1. the mammals and birds specified in Annex 1;
 2. the mammals and birds introduced in the country for the purpose of the hunting economy;
 3. feral and wild dogs and cats in the hunting economy area.
- (6) The mammals and birds under paragraph 2 shall not be subject to hunting where bred and kept in zoos, zoological gardens and zoological collections as well as those bred in farms until their settling in nature.
- (7) According to the duration spent in the country, the game animals shall be divided into local and migratory.
- (8) The game animals shall be divided, according to biological features, management regime, and manner and method of hunting, into large and small, indicated in the Annex. ~~The category of large game shall include red deer, fallow deer, roe deer, wild boar, chamois, ibex, mouflon, European bison, Tibetan yak, wolf and capercaillie. All other species shall be small game.~~

Chapter two

HUNTING AREA ORGANIZATION AND HUNTING ECONOMY MANAGEMENT

Section I

Hunting Area Organization

Article 6

The country's hunting area shall include all lands, forests and aquatic areas inhabited by game animals or with conditions for game animal existence, outside the urban centers as defined by the general and detailed town plans or by perimeter outlines.

Article 7

- (1) The country's hunting area shall be divided in hunting economy regions regardless of the boundaries of land and forest funds and of the ownership over lands, forests and aquatic areas.
- (2) No hunting economy regions shall be established in reserves or sites directly related to the country's national security.
- (3) Game management in protected areas shall be conducted in observation of the game management regime and plan.
- (4) The hunting economy regions shall be sized according to the main game species and shall be determined under the conditions and procedures determined in the Rules on the Implementation hereof. There shall be no hunting economy regions smaller than 500 ha for small game animals and 1,500 ha for large game animals.
- (5) The hunting economy region boundaries shall be defined along permanent terrain forms and facilities, in consideration of lands belonging to urban settlements, and shall be approved with orders of the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests upon proposal by the Head of the National Department of Forests.

Article 8

- (1) State game breeding facilities and game breeding sections shall be established ~~in up to 15 per cent of the country's hunting area~~ for conservation of the diversity of game animals and for gene pool conservation.
- (2) The ~~total area of state game breeding stations shall extend to up to 15 per cent of the country's hunting area, their boundaries being areas of the state game breeding stations and game breeding sections shall be~~ defined along permanent terrain forms and facilities, regardless of the boundaries of the lands belonging to urban settlements and to the forest and land fund boundaries.

Article 9

- (1) The state game breeding stations shall be legal persons, authorities of the National Department of Forests.
- (2) The game breeding stations shall be directly answerable to the National Department of Forests and shall have the rights of, and shall perform as, state forestry boards, according to the Forests Act.

- (3) The state game breeding stations shall conduct activities for:
1. conservation and enlargement of the diversity of game species;
 2. construction of hunting economy facilities and carrying out of biotechnical measures;
 3. reproduction, re-settlement and conservation of game animals;
 4. introduction and re-introduction of game animals;
 5. improvement of exterior and trophy qualities of game animals;
 6. use of game animals, game animal products and conducting of organized hunting tourism;
 7. use of the forests in the state forest fund for conservation of the quality of biotopes and improvement of habitats.
- (4) The accounts of the state game breeding stations shall be approved by the Head of the National Department of Forests, with the assets as follows:
1. funds from the National Bulgarian Forest Fund to the amount needed for their functions under paragraphs 2 and 3;
 2. own revenue from sales of goods and services.
- (5) The Head of the National Department of Forests shall issue orders for the establishment of the state game breeding stations and shall determines their areas of operation ~~of the state game breeding stations~~.

Article 10

The Minister of Agriculture and forests or a person authorized by him/her shall issue an order establishing the game breeding sections and shall define their boundaries within the boundaries of the state forestry boards where conditions exist for sustainable development of game animals of elite trophy qualities.

- ~~(1) In the areas of operation of state forestry boards where the conditions exist for sustainable development of game animals of elite trophy qualities, game breeding sections shall be established.~~
- ~~(2) The Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform or a person authorized by him shall, by means of an order, determine the region of the game animal breeding section.~~

Article 11

- (1) In lands and forests belonging to the forest fund used by scientific institutes and higher education facilities whose scientific and educational activities are related to forestry and to the hunting economy, game animal breeding sections may be established in observation of Article 10, paragraph 2.
- (2) Sites for particularly important needs of the state shall be established as game animal breeding sections exceeding the requirements of Article 7, paragraphs 4 and 5, with an order by the Minister of Agriculture and Forests.

Article 12

- (1) Where one or more hunting economy regions have common boundaries ~~outside those under Articles 8 and 11~~, breeding grounds ~~may~~shall be established not only in the game breeding stations, but also in the sites under Article 11.
- (2) The breeding ground boundaries shall be determined with the hunting development project proposed by the Hunting Economy Commission at the State Forestry Boards.

Article 13

- (1) Hunting Development Projects shall be drafted for the hunting economy regions in observance of the conditions and procedures set forth in the Rules on the Implementation hereof according to the Hunting Development Instruction issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform.
- ~~(2) The Hunting Development Projects shall be drafted by natural or legal persons licensed under conditions and procedures set out in a regulation by the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform.~~
- (2) The Hunting Development Projects shall be approved by the Head of the National Department of Forests following agreement with the interested ministries and agencies.

Section II

Hunting Economy Management

Article 14

The National Department of Forests shall manage and control:

- 1 The organization of hunting economy;
- 2 The conservation, reproduction, re-settlement and use of game animals;
- 3 The acquisition and exercise of hunting rights;
- 4 The conducting of organized hunting tourism;
- 5 The trading in game animals and game animal products;
- 6 The implementation of forest development projects;
- 7 The financing of activities in the hunting economy regions managed by its authorities.

Article 15

- (1) A Hunting Council shall be established as an advisory authority for discussions of fundamental issues of hunting area organization and hunting economy management, reproduction, re-settlement and use of game animals nationwide.
- ~~(2) The Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests shall, by ~~means of order, determine~~approve of the staffing of the Hunting Council with the head of the National Department of Forests as chairman~~which shall involve representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform, the National Department of Forests, the Ministry of Environment and Waters, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of fi~~

~~nance, the Ministry of Justice and Legal Eurointegration, the Prosecutor's Office, the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the Forestry University, hunting societies and nature conservation organizations.~~

- ~~(2) The Hunting Council Chairman shall be the Head of the National Department of Forests who, if necessary, may involve representatives of other interested agencies.~~

Article 16

- (1) The Regional Departments of Forests shall carry out the activities under Article 14 in their areas of operation.
- (2) The Head of the National Department of Forests shall order the establishment of ~~a~~-hunting councils at the Regional Departments of Forests to discuss issues of hunting and game animal conservation.
- (3) The hunting council shall be chaired by the Head of the Regional Department of Forests and members who are representatives of the local administration, the Regional Directorate of Internal Affairs, the Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Waters, the hunting societies and other interested organizations.

Article 17

The State Forestry Boards and the state game animal breeding stations shall carry out the activities under Article 14 and the immediate protection of game animals in their areas of operation and in their adjacent hunting economy regions.

Article 18

- (1) Hunting economy commissions shall be established at the State Forestry Boards as advisory authorities for discussions of issues related to the hunting areas, hunting economy management and game animal management.
- (2) The head of the Regional Department of Forests shall, by means of order, approve the staffing of the commission under paragraph 1, which shall involve representatives of the State Forestry Boards, the state game breeding stations, the Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Waters, the Regional Police Departments, the Municipalities and the game animal managers.
- (3) The hunting economy commission shall be chaired by State Forestry Board Director who may, where necessary, involve other specialists and representatives of land and forest owners.

Article 19

The Minister of Agriculture and Forests shall issue Rules on the Organization and Activities of the advisory authorities under Article 15, paragraph 1, Article 16, paragraph 2 and Article 18, paragraph 1.

Article 20

The Head of the National Department of Forests shall appoint the directors of state game animal breeding stations who must meet the requirements under Article 31, paragraph 1 of the Forests Act.

Chapter Three

HUNTING RIGHT

Article 21

- (1) The hunting right involves a right to hunt and acquire game animals, hunting trophies and game animal products.
- (2) The hunting right shall entail obligations for game animal conservation.

Article 22

- (1) Hunting rights shall be granted to Bulgarian citizens of legal age who have passed successfully a theoretical and practical examination before a panel appointed with an order issued by the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests or by an official authorized by him.
- (2) The panel shall issue certificates to those who have passed the examination successfully.
- (3) The hunting and the forest guards and other officials carrying out control and guarding of game animals may exercise the hunting rights outside their guarding sections.

Article 23

- (1) The hunting right shall be exercised upon issuance of a document – hunting license – that is personal and the rights determined in it cannot be remitted.
- (2) The hunting license shall be issued by the State Forestry Board using a form approved by the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests, upon submission of the certificate under Article 22~~4~~, paragraph 2. The hunting license shall be re-endorsed every calendar year in the relevant state forestry board.
- (3) Those who fail to re-endorse their animal hunting licenses for the calendar year may not exercise their hunting rights during the year.
- (4) Those who fail to re-endorse their hunting licenses for ~~three~~3 consecutive years shall have their hunting rights removed.
- (5) The State Forestry Boards shall keep a public register for the issued and re-endorsed hunting licenses using a form approved by the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests.

Article 24

The graduates from higher and secondary special education facilities teaching the subject of hunting economy, shall not ~~sit the theory pass the~~ examination under Article 24~~2~~.

Article 25

~~The National Department of Forests shall issue h~~Hunting licenses ~~to foreigners as follows~~shall be issued to foreign citizens by the National Department of Forests in observation of the following procedure:

- 1 to representatives of diplomatic missions – at reciprocity conditions;

- 2 to ~~persons-foreigners~~ temporarily residing and permanently residing in the Republic of Bulgaria – following examination under Article ~~22~~⁴ or upon submission of a hunting license valid for the country whose subjects they are, following agreement with the Ministry of Internal Affairs regarding the carrying of hunting weapons;
- 3 to ~~foreigners-hunters~~ temporarily residing in the Republic of Bulgaria – for one month – upon presentation of a hunting license valid for the country whose ~~subjects~~^{citizens} they are.

Article 26

- (1) Culling rights shall be granted to persons who have acquired hunting rights and who have no less than two years of experience as hunters and have successfully passed the examination before the panel appointed with an order by the Head of the National Department of Forests.
- (2) The persons who have acquired the rights under paragraph 1 shall be issued certificates based on a form approved by the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~^{Agriculture and Forests}.
- (3) The persons under Article ~~25~~⁴ shall also have culling rights, ~~outside the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2~~.

Article 27

- (1) Those who have acquired rights under Article ~~26~~⁵, paragraph 1 and who have completed specialized training courses and have passed an examination, shall be hunting guides.
- (2) The examinations ~~under paragraph 1 shall be~~^{is} conducted by a panel appointed with an order of the Head of the National Department of Forests. Those who have passed the examination shall be issued certificates based on a form approved by the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~^{Agriculture and Forests}.

Article 28

- (1) The procedures and the manner of examination for the acquisition of hunting, culling and guiding rights shall be set out in the rules on the implementation hereof.
- (2) The ~~examination under Article 22~~^{rights under paragraph 1 and}, the issuance of certificates and hunting licenses, and the re-endorsement thereof, shall require payment of a fee determined by the Council of Ministers.
- (3) The persons under Article 22 aged over 65 shall pay the fees provided for under paragraph 2 at a 50 per cent discount. Disabled persons shall be relieved from the payment of fees under paragraph 2.

Article 29

- (1) Bulgarian citizens who have acquired hunting rights may associate in hunting societies on the basis of unity of interests related to game animal management and conservation in one hunting economy region.
- ~~(2) Those who have acquired hunting rights may not be members of more than one hunting society.~~
- ~~(2) Only one hunting society, according to paragraph 1, shall be established for each hunting economy region.~~

Article 30

- (1) The persons under Article 29, united in hunting societies with neighboring hunting economy regions in the area of operations of one or more state forestry boards shall establish hunting associations for the purpose of carrying out activities related to the reproduction, management, conservation and use of game animals.
- (2) The hunting associations under paragraph 1 shall be legal persons registered in observation of the conditions and procedures of the Persons and Families Act.

Article 31

- (1) The hunting associations under Article 30 may voluntarily establish regional hunting associations and a national hunting association.
- (2) The hunting associations under paragraph 1 shall be legal persons registered in observation of the conditions and procedures of the Persons and Families Act, without the right to economic activities.

Article 32

The persons under Article 30, paragraph 2, and Article 31, paragraph 2 may not establish and/or participate in commercial companies.

Chapter Four

GAME ANIMAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

Section I

Game Animal Management

Article 33

Game animal management shall involve conservation and increasing of the diversity of species, improvement of habitats, conservation and reproduction of game animals, ensuring of the biological minimum, attaining and maintaining the allowable reserves, provision of rational and sustainable use in the hunting economy regions.

Article 34

The game animal in the country shall be managed by state game animal breeding stations, by persons under Article 11, by hunting associations under Article 30 and by other societies and by Bulgarian legal persons.

Article 35

The state game animal breeding stations and the persons under Article 11 shall manage the game animals in their hunting economy regions.

Article 36

- (1) The State Forestry Boards shall submit game animal management in the game management sections under Article 10 to licensed Bulgarian legal persons by means of bidding ~~or tenders~~.
- (2) The State Forestry Boards shall submit game animal management in the hunting economy areas other than those under paragraph 1 and Article 34⁵, and ~~Article 32, paragraph 1~~, to hunting ~~associations~~societies under Article 30, by direct contracting.
- (3) The game animal management contracts shall be concluded for a period of 5 to 13 years depending on the main game animal species in the hunting economy region.
- (4) The conditions and procedures for direct contracting for conclusion and termination of the game animal management contracts shall be set out in the rules on the implementation hereof.
- ~~(4) The conditions, procedures and manner of license issuance, direct contracting, bidding or tenders shall be set out in the rules on the implementation hereof.~~
- ~~(5) The management of game animals in hunting economy regions for which there is no hunting society or the contract under paragraph 3 is terminated, shall be provided by the State Forestry Board following the procedures under paragraph 1.~~

Article 37

The persons under Article 34~~members of hunting societies and the game animal managers~~ shall:

- 1 Organize and carry out the feeding of game animals;
- 2 Establish and maintain specialized fodder reserve for the game animals;
- 3 Construct hunting economy facilities;
- 4 Regulate the numbers of certain game animal species;
- 5 Participate in game animal counting;
- 6 Conserve the game animals and participate in their guarding.

Article 38

Hunting economy facilities shall be established on lands and forests owned by natural and legal persons following conclusion of contracts with them in observation of the requirements of the hunting development projects.

Article 39

- ~~(1) Technical activities shall be carried out for improvement of habitats and game animal conservation, and hunting facilities shall be constructed.~~
- ~~(2)~~(1) Special fodder reserves for feeding of game animals shall be established and maintained in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the Rules on the Implementation hereof.

- ~~(3)~~(2) Specialized fodder reserve areas shall be allocated without compensation from the state agricultural lands and forests or from the municipal agricultural lands and forests following decision by the municipal council.

Article 40

- (1) The numbers of certain game animal species shall be regulated, where proven necessary, for the purpose of preserving the biological-ecological diversity and sustainable development of their populations in observation of conditions and procedures set out in the rules on the implementation hereof.
- (2) The dogs and cats which are feral or run wild and occurring in the hunting economy regions shall be destroyed.

Article 41

- (1) Game acclimatization and resettlement in the country shall be accomplished in observation of a long-term program agreed upon by the Ministry of Environment and Waters and approved annually by the Head of the National Department of Forests.
- (2) The acclimatization of game animals for renewal of blood, spreading of game animals, for biodiversity maintenance and for use shall be carried out under control by the Hunting Commission at the State Forestry Board.
- (3) The settled~~acclimatized~~ game animals allowed for shooting with the plan for use during the hunting season, shall belong to those who manage it.

Article 42

The veterinary and sanitary control and the control diseases among the game nationwide shall be carried out by the specialized authorities of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests~~ – the National Veterinary Medical Service and the National Department of Forests.

Section II

Use of Game Animals

Article 43

- (1) The use of game animals shall be by hunting.
- (2) Hunting shall be killing, catching, stalking and wounding of game animals, taking, transferring, transportation of game animals found wounded or killed, or of its recognizable parts, collecting and taking of eggs of birds which are the subject of hunting.
- (3) Considered as hunting shall also be staying or movement of persons outside towns and villages with a drawn and assembled hunting gun, whether loaded or not.

Article 44

- (1) Hunting shall be carried out individually or in groups.
- (2) Big game shall be hunted individually in conformity with the principles of selection shooting. Wild boars may be hunted in groups as well.
- (3) Local small and migratory game shall be hunted individually and in groups.

- (4) Predators shall be hunted individually, in shooting parties and during hunting for other game species.
- (5) Shooting parties shall be organized at request by the persons who manage the game animals or by the municipality. shooting parties shall be formed with an order by the [Director of the State Forestry Board](#) in agreement with the [Head of the](#) Regional Department of Forests.

Article 45

- (1) Each hunting economy region shall have a local game animal use plan approved annually.
- (2) The general plan for use of local game animals shall be approved by the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~[Agriculture and Forests](#) or by a person authorized by him.

Article 46

- (1) The plan for use of game animals in the state game breeding stations and in the siets under Article 11 shall be approved by the head of the National Department of Forests.
- (2) The plan for use in the remaining hunting economy areas shall be approved by the head of the Regional Department of Forests when proposed by the [Director of the](#) State Forestry Board.
- (3) The plan for the use of acclimatized game animals shall be approved by the [Director of the](#) State Forestry Board.
- ~~(4)~~ [The draft game animal use plans shall be elaborated by the persons under Article 34.](#)
- ~~(4)(5)~~ The terms and procedures for the drafting of the game animal use plans shall be defined in the Plan on the Implementation hereof.

[Article 47](#)

[Organized hunting tourism shall be conducted in observation of conditions and procedures set out in the rules on the implementation hereof.](#)

Article 48

- (1) Hunting in the state game breeding stations shall be through organized hunting tourism.
- (2) The selection or sanitary shooting in the state game breeding stations shall be carried out by their officials or by persons qualified according to Articles 26 and ~~27~~[5](#).

Article 49

Hunting in the sections under Article 11 shall be in observation of the law and of their status.

Article 50

Hunting in hunting economy areas where game management ~~is~~ provided by the State Forestry Board ~~shall be~~ in observation of [Article 36, shall conform to](#) the law and ~~shall meet under the~~ conditions, determined by the legal persons and the hunting societies.

Article 51

The persons who have acquired hunting rights but are not members of hunting groups shall hunt in the state game breeding stations in observation of the procedures for organized hunting tourism, and in the remaining hunting economy areas they ~~— shall exercise their hunting rights~~ according to the law and under conditions determined by the managers of the game.

Article 52

~~(1)~~ The use of game in the hunting economy regions under Article 35~~4~~ shall be paid to the amount of a fee ~~approved~~^{set} by the Council of Ministers.

Article 53

- (1) An annual fee shall be payable for use of game in the hunting economy regions under Article 36~~2~~.
- (2) ~~The conditions and the procedures for the setting of the annual fee shall be set out in the rules on the implementation hereof. The amount of the annual fee shall be set in consideration of the productivity of habitats, the condition of game animal reserves, the trophy qualities of game animals, the plan of use and the size of the hunting economy region.~~

Article 54

- (1) The schedules, days, methods and norms for hunting shall be set with the Rules on Implementation hereof.
- (2) Depending on the biological diversity of game animals, the epizootic situation and the damages it causes, the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~^{Agriculture and Forests} shall, upon proposal by the Head of the National Department of Forests, by exception, issue an order changing the hunting schedules, regulate the game animal reserves and shall restrict or prohibit the hunting of certain game animal species following agreement with the Ministry of Environment and Waters.
- (3) The numbers of certain game species shall be regulated, in the case of epizootics, with resources provided from the national budget.
- (4) Hunting for the purposes of scientific research shall be allowed by the Head of the National Department of Forests throughout the years in observation of conditions and procedures determined in the Rules on Implementation hereof.
- (5) The regulation of the numbers of the protected and other wild animal species shall be allowed by the Head of the National Department of Forests upon agreement with the Ministry of Environment and Waters. Ministry of Environment and Waters.

Article 55

- ~~(1) Wild boars shall be hunted by groups in the presence of an official of the National Department of Forests or its authorities and branches.~~

~~(2)~~ The hunters who have shot large game animals during individual hunting, shall attach to the animals the marks presented for the purpose by the State Forestry Board or game breeding station.

Article 56

- (1) Hunting shall be carried out by using smooth-bore or rifle fire weapons.
- (2) Hunting fire weapons shall be those with construction adapted for the purpose and meets the technical safety requirements.
- (3) Permits for buying, carrying and keeping of hunting weapons and ammunition shall be issued by the authorities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs under the procedures of the Control on Explosives, Fire Weapons and Ammunitions Act.
- (4) Selection hunting shall be carried out using rifle-bore fire weapons or smooth-bore hunting weapons with bullets.
- (5) During the hunt, hunting dogs may be used, in observation of the conditions and the procedures determined in the Rules on Implementation hereof.
- (6) The regulation of certain game animal species and the catching of live game animals may be performed by other suitable means in observation of the conditions and procedures determined in the Rules on the Implementation hereof.

Article 57

- (1) Hunting shall be subject to written permission issued in observation of the conditions and procedures determined in the Rules on Implementation hereof, upon payment of a fee [for its issuance according to a fee](#) determined by the Council of Ministers.
- (2) The hunting permits shall represent a form determined by the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~[Agriculture and Forests](#) and shall be recorded in the State Forestry Boards and in the Game Breeding Stations.

Article 58

The hunting permits shall list the names of the hunters, the hunting license number, the manner of hunting, the date and place of hunting, the type and number of game animals allowed for hunting, [and the name of the leader of the hunt, in the case of group hunting](#).

Article 59

The killed game animals, the game animal hides and trophies shall belong to the hunter who obtained them in observation of the conditions ~~imposed~~ [determined](#) by the game animal manager.

Article 60

[The conditions and procedures for registration and recording of the killed and acquired game animals shall be set out in the rules on the implementation hereof.](#)

Article 61

- (1) The hunting trophies shall be registered in the State Forestry Boards and in the State Game Breeding Stations at the location no later than one month as of their obtaining. The ~~unregistered~~ [obtained and unregistered within the required term](#) hunting trophies shall be expropriated to the benefit of the State.
- (2) The hunting trophies shall be evaluated by the evaluation commissions appointed with an order of the Head of the National Department of Forests.

Article 62

Fees according to a tariff determined by the Council of Ministers shall be paid for registration and evaluation of the hunting trophies.

Article 63

The persons who have found and taken shed game animal horns, shall deliver them to the State Forestry Boards and Game Breeding Stations

The persons under paragraph 1 may ~~or shall~~ obtain the shed game animal horns ~~them~~ upon payment of a fee according to a tariff determined by the Council of Ministers.

Article 64

It shall be prohibited to hunt in:

- 1 Nurseries and hunting breeding grounds;
- 2 Test areas and seed production areas;
- 3 Meadows until mowed;
- 4 Newly-planted vineyards;
- 5 Vineyards from pruning to the end of the grape harvest;
- 6 Vegetable gardens and orchards, and melon fields until harvested;
- 7 Cereal crops from April 1st until their harvesting;
- 8 Rice-paddies from March 15 until their harvesting;
- 9 Military sites and fenced training ranges.

Article 65

During hunting, the following means and methods shall be prohibited:

- 1 firearms that do not meet the requirements of Article 561, paragraphs 1 and 2, glues and pits, bows and cross-bows;
- 2 traps, loops and nets, where used for non-selection hunting or killing;
- 3 poisonous or sedative substances, as well as bait containing such substances;
- 4 sound records and artificial sources of light, as well as target illuminating appliances;
- 5 mirrors and other blinding tools;
- 6 electric appliances capable of killing or stunning;
- 7 live animals used as bait;

- 8 explosives, gas and smoke;
- 9 night-shooting devices with electronic image transformers or image restriction tools;
- 10 motor vehicles;
- 11 ~~aquatic vessels and~~ aircraft;
- 12 hunting falcons or other raptors regardless of their species and origin, as well as hunting hounds.

Section III

Game Conservation

Article 66

- (1) The control of game conservation in all hunting economy regions shall be realized by the ministry of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests, and by the Ministry of Environment and Waters.
- (2) The Ministry of Environment and Waters shall control the gene pool conservation.

Article 67

- (1) Game conservation and protection shall be carried out by the State Forestry Boards and by the Game Breeding Stations.
- (2) The direct guarding of game shall be carried out by hunting guards possessing education and skills as defined in the Rules on the Implementation hereof.
- (3) The hunting guards shall possess the rights of the forest guards according to the Forests Act.
- (4) In their guarded sections the hunting guards shall:
 1. Guard the game animals and fish ~~in their guarded sections~~;
 2. Control the compliance with the game animal management and use regime;
 3. Monitor the condition of game animals and the implementation of hunting economy activities in the sections entrusted to them
 - 3-4. Inspect all documents allowing hunting, fishing, felling and using of medicinal plants established in the Medicinal Plants Act~~grazing documents~~;
 5. Inspect the personal belongings of the hunting persons;
 - 4-6. Inspect transport vehicles in their guarded sections;
 5. ~~Control the condition of game animals and the carrying out of the hunting economy activities in their sections~~;
 - 6-7. Draw up writs for established violations;
 - 7-8. Seize the subject of violation and the objects used in perpetrating the violation;

~~8-9.~~ Control the compliance with the fire prevention rules;

~~9-10.~~ Guard the specialized fodder reserve, the constructed hunting economy facilities, buildings and other sites in their guarded sections;

~~10-11.~~ ~~Monitor~~~~Observe~~ the preservation of mating grounds and capercaillie mating grounds;

~~11-12.~~ ~~Monitor~~~~observe for~~ any damages caused by ~~and to the~~ game animals.

- (5) The forest guards, in their protected sections, and the forestry officials under Article 30 of the Forests Act ~~shall act and the officials guarding the protected areas that are exclusive property of the state, and shall act as, and shall~~ have the rights of, hunting guards.

Article 68

- (1) Guarding in the state game breeding station shall be by guarding sections of up to 2,000 ~~hectares~~~~a~~.
- (2) In the area of operation of the state forestry boards outside the forests, guarding shall be by guarding sections of more than 10,000 ~~hectares~~~~ha~~.
- (3) In the sites under Article 11, feeding of game animals shall be carried out by the person managing them.
- (4) The hunting parties and the Bulgarian legal persons entrusted with the game management ~~may~~~~shall~~ organize their own animal game guards in observation of the conditions and procedures set out in the rules on the implementation hereof.

Article 69

- (1) For the purpose of protecting game animals and their habitats, it shall be prohibited to set fire to stubble, field boundaries, road-side strips and areas with dry vegetation, as well as ~~low stem~~ vegetation in the high-mountain pastures.
- (2) Agricultural and forestry machinery shall be equipped with game animal guarding facilities.

Article 70

- (1) The hunting-economy activities shall be designed in agreement with the hunting economy commission at the State Forestry Board.
- (2) The damaging and destruction of capercaillie mating grounds shall be prohibited.
- (3) During the mating season of red deer in the permanent mating grounds, forestry, construction, repair and other works disturbing the animals shall be discontinued.

Chapter Five

TRADING IN GAME ANIMALS AND GAME ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Article 71

Trading in live game animals shall be conducted for the purpose of acclimatization in nature, for farm breeding, for of zoo-sites, zoo-gardens and zoo-parks, for import and export.

Article 72

The killed game animals designated for sale shall be accompanied by a veterinary medical certificate and a proof of origin, and the large game animals shall be marked.

Article 73

- (1) The Bulgarian hunters who own hunting trophies and game animal hides, may present, exchange or sell them. The new owners of hunting trophies shall, within 14 days as of the deal, register those in the State Forestry Board at the place of residence.
- (2) Shed game animal horns shall be presented, exchanged or sold with a fee-payment proof.
- (3) The owners of hunting trophies shall present those for inclusion in national and international hunting exhibitions.
- (4) It shall be prohibited to deal in unregistered hunting trophies.

Article 74

- (1) The export and import of live game animals and, genetic matter ~~and game products~~ shall be allowed by the Head of the National Department of Forests following agreement agreed with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform and with the Ministry of Environment and Waters.
- (2) The hunting trophies, the shed game animal horns, and game animal products and hides shall be exported from the country in observation of the procedures determined in the Rules on Implementation hereof.

Article 75

The importing of live game animals and eggs of hunting birds designated for acclimatization, renewal of blood and re-settling shall be relieved of customs fees and duties ~~taxation~~.

Article 76

- (1) The organized hunting tourism shall include offering and use of hunting, acquisition of hunting trophies and game animal products, photo-safari, and the activities in service thereof.
- (2) Upon proposal by the Head of the National Department of Forests, the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~ Agriculture and Forests shall approve annually ~~protective~~ minimum prices for organized hunting tourism.
- (3) The activities under paragraph 1 shall be organized by the game animal managers in observation of conditions and procedures set out in the rules on the implementation hereof and/or the persons licensed for the purpose.
- (4) ~~The licensing under paragraph 3 shall be carried out in observation of the conditions and procedures set out in the Rules on the Implementation hereof, against payment of fees to the amount determined by the Council of Ministers.~~

Article 77

The Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~ Agriculture and Forests shall, upon proposal by the Head of the National Department of Forests, categorize the hunting tourism fa-

cilities in observation of the conditions and procedures set out in the Rules on the Implementation hereof.

Chapter Six

DAMAGES FROM AND TO GAME ANIMALS

Article 78

- (1) The persons who manage the game animals shall carry out the game-caused damage mitigation activities envisioned in the hunting development project.
- (2) The owners of lands and forests shall carry out the measures aimed at mitigating possible game caused damages, as provided for in the Agricultural Property Protection Act, the Forests Act and other normative documents.

Article 79

The compensations for damages caused by game animals in the hunting economy regions, to agricultural crops, forest vegetation and to domestic animals in the areas allowed for grazing, shall be paid for by the game managing persons.

Article 80

Compensations for damages shall not be paid where:

- 1 No visible damage to forest crops and plantations are observed;
- 2 The damages caused to agricultural crops and perennial plantations extend to ~~10~~5 per cent;
- 3 The conditions of Article ~~72~~78, paragraph 2 are not fulfilled;
- 4 The damages are caused by migratory game animals;
- 5 The damages are caused to agricultural crops and forest vegetation in areas where livestock grazes.

Article 81

- (1) Compensations for damages caused by game animals through improper use of agricultural and forest crop protection chemicals or chemicals prohibited for use, shall be paid by the persons who have decided to, or have allowed, the use thereof.
- (2) Compensations for damages caused to the game animals during exploitation of forestry and agricultural machinery shall be paid by the perpetrators.
- (3) Compensations for damages caused to the specialized fodder reserve and to the hunting economy facilities shall be paid by the perpetrator.
- (4) Compensations for damages caused to game animals shall be paid for by the game managers whose hunting economy area has suffered the damage.

Article 82

The damages caused by the game animals shall be established by the hunting economy commissions at the State Forestry Boards in observation of conditions and procedures set forth in the Rules on Implementation hereof.

Article 83

(1) The amount of compensation for damages caused to the game animals shall be determined with a regulation adopted by the Council of Ministers.

~~(2) Compensations for damages caused to the game shall be adjudicated to the persons who damage the game.~~

Chapter Seven

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PENAL PROVISIONS

Article 84

- (1) Anyone hunting without possessing a regularly endorsed license or possessing a hunting license but without a written hunting permit, or hunting outside the areas defined therein, shall be fined 50,000 to 400,000 levs.
- (2) Where the violation under paragraph 1 is committed in a time prohibited for hunting, in a location prohibited for hunting or by means of prohibited facilities, shall be fined 100,000 to 800,000 levs.

Article 85

Anyone taking, transferring, transporting game animals found alive, wounded or killed, or recognizable parts thereof without a written hunting permit shall be fined 200,000 to 1,000,000 levs.

Article 86

- (1) Anyone killing or catching game animals without possessing a regularly endorsed license or possessing a hunting license but without a written hunting permit, or outside the areas defined therein, shall be fined:
 1. For small game—300,000 to 1,000,000 levs but not less than the three times the amount of the damage;
 2. For large game—500,000 to 5,000,000 levs but not less than three times the amount of the damage.
- (2) Anyone killing or catching game animals at a time prohibited for hunting, in a location prohibited for hunting or by means of prohibited facilities, shall be fined:
 1. For small game—600,000 to 2,000,000 levs but not less than the three times the amount of the damage;
 2. For large game—1,000,000 to 10,000,000 levs but not less than three times the amount of the damage.

Article 87

Anyone exceeding the shooting standards set out in the Rules on Implementation hereof shall be fined 50,000 to 500,000 levs and the game animals shall be expropriated to the benefit of the state.

Article 88

Anyone collecting and taking hunting birds' eggs without written hunting permit, collecting and appropriating game animal horns in breach of Article 63~~57~~ shall be fined up to 100,000 levs unless subject to heavier punishment.

Article 89

Where the violation under Articles 84, 85 ~~78, 79~~ and Article 80~~86~~, paragraph 1 is repeated within two years as of the enactment of the penal statement issued to the violator for the same type of violation, the ~~fine~~penalty shall be doubled.

Article 90

Anyone hiding, selling or transporting game animals or trophies illegally obtained from others shall, or unregistered hunting trophies, unless subject to heavier punishment, be fined 100,000 to 2,000,000 levs.

Article 91

~~(1)~~Anyone failing to fulfill orders by game guards within the powers thereof under Article 67, paragraph 4, items 4-12, shall be fined 25,000 to 200,000 levs unless subject to heavier punishment.

Article 92

~~(2)Drivers of vehicles who fail to stop when signaled to do so by a game guard, shall be fined 50 to 500 levs unless subject to heavier punishmentThe fine under paragraph 1 shall be imposed also to motor vehicle drivers who fail to stop to a signal and to submit the vehicle for inspection by the game animal guards.~~

Article 93

(1) Anyone causing damage to the hunting economy facilities and to the specialized fodder reserve under Article 34, paragraphs 1 and 2, shall be fined 50,000 to 1,000,000 levs.

(2) Anyone who violates the prohibition under Article 69, paragraph 1, shall be fined 500 to 1,000 levs.

Article 92

~~(1)Anyone violating any provision of this Act or of an act on its implementation shall be fined 50,000 to 200,000 levs unless subject to heavier punishment.~~

~~(2)Where the hunting groups or the legal persons entrusted with game management fail to fulfill their obligations to manage and guard the game animals shall be fined or levied a property sanction from 200,000 to 5,000,000 levs.~~

Article 94

- (1) Hunters who commit violations under ~~In the events under~~ Articles ~~8478, and 8579~~ and Article ~~8680~~, paragraph 1, ~~the guilty hunters shall also be deprived~~ invested of ~~their~~ hunting rights for 1 to 3 years.
- (2) Hunters who commit violations under ~~In the events under~~ Article ~~880~~, paragraph 2 and Article ~~893~~, shall be deprived of hunting rights for 3 to 5 years~~the guilty persons shall be divested of their hunting rights.~~

Article 94

- ~~(1) In the events under the preceding articles, where damages to game animals are caused, the guilty persons shall pay compensation to the amounts determined by the Council of Ministers.~~
- ~~(2) The compensation shall be adjudicated to the game managers in whose hunting economy region the damage is caused.~~

Article 95

- (1) In case of the violations under Articles ~~8478, 8579~~ and ~~860~~, the ~~w~~teaspoons and other means of hunting shall be expropriated to the benefit of the state and the illegally obtained game, the hunting trophies and the game products shall be presented to the authorities of the National Department of Forests.
- (2) Where a violation under paragraph 1 is committed with the use of a transport vehicle, regardless of the ownership thereof, it shall be expropriated to the benefit of the state.
- (3) Where the game animals, the hunting trophies, the transport vehicles, weapons and other means of hunting under paragraphs 1 and 2 cannot be expropriated, the perpetrator, apart from paying the compensation ~~under Article 89~~, shall pay their equal value.

Article 96

- (1) The violations hereunder shall be established by writs drawn up by the officials under Article ~~674~~ or by officials of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the penal statements shall be issued by the Ministry of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests and by the Minister of Internal Affairs or by officials authorized by them.
- (2) The establishment of violations, the issuing, appealing against and execution of penal statements shall be carried out in accordance with the Administrative Violations and Penalties Act.
- (3) Penal statements shall not be subject to appealing if imposing a fine of up to and inclusive of ~~50,000~~ levs, ordering expropriation to the benefit of the state of property up to ~~50,000~~ levs in value, or compensations for damages to the same value.

Article 97

The officials under Article 61 shall be authorized to inspect yards, economic and other non-residential buildings, transport vehicles in the hunting economy regions, and the personal luggage of hunting persons.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

§ 1. Pursuant hereto:

- 1 “Hunting economy” shall be a set of activities related to management, conservation and use of game animals, organization and development of the hunting area of the Republic of Bulgaria and the trading in game animals and game animal products.
- 2 “Population principle” shall be large-area management of game animals in consideration of their biological features and year-round habitats, combining the interests of the species in the population in a particular gender ratio and age structure.
- 3 “Population” shall be a combination of individuals of a game animal species featuring a density ensuring the existence and normal reproduction of the species on a particular area.
- 4 “Farm” shall be a fenced area for breeding or growing of animal species according to specific technological and veterinary-medicine requirements.
- 5 “Stock-breeding farm” shall be part of a hunting economy region where all necessary conditions for preservation and multiplication of game are established. Hunting is by exception and for certain predators.
- 6 “Selection hunting” shall be a hunting economy activity for maintenance of game animal stock at certain age group, gender ratio and trophy qualities.
- 7 “Biological minimum” shall be the number of animals below which the existence of a certain species is endangered.
- 8 “Allowable reserve” shall be the number of animals of a species that can be maintained in a hunting economy region through the natural reproductive capacity of habitats in combination with hunting economy activities and in consideration of the interaction with competitive species, and not allowing damages of more than 10 per cent.
- 9 “Capercaillie mating grounds” shall be the capercaillie mating grounds.
- 10 “Organized hunting tourism” shall be paid use of game animals and game animal products by hunters, related to the establishment of specific organization and use of services;
- 11 “Fund borders” shall be the borders between the agricultural and forest funds;
- 12 “Hunter” shall be a natural person who has acquired a hunting right;
- 13 “Introduction” shall be a successful acclimatization of alien animal species;
- 14 “Photo-hunting” shall be photographing of wild animals and birds in their natural environment, using photographic equipment;
- 15 “Hunting tourism facilities” shall be buildings and their adjacent areas and infrastructures specialized for the needs of hunting tourism;
- 16 “Hunting right” shall be the right to kill, catch, chase and wound game animals and take, move, transport found, wounded and killed game animals or recognizable parts thereof, collect and take eggs of hunting birds and for persons to stay or move outside urban centers with unsheathed and assembled hunting weapons, whether loaded or not.

TRANSITIVE AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

§ 2. (1) The Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests shall, within ~~6 months~~one year as of the enactment hereof, approve the boundaries of the hunting economy regions.

(2) Until the approval of the boundaries of the hunting economy regions, the game animals shall be managed in accordance with the current distribution of the country's hunting area.

§ 3. (1) The persons managing the game animals prior to the enactment hereof shall retain their right to use the game during the ~~2000-1999-2001~~10 hunting season.

(2) The right to hunting, selection shooting and a companion (hunting guide) obtained by natural persons prior to the enactment hereof shall be retained.

(3) The hunting ~~associations under Article 29~~societies shall include the persons ~~with hunting rights~~ who manage the game animals until the time enactment hereof on their hunting economy areas~~for which they are established~~.

§ 4. Those possessing hunting trophies shall register them within one year as of the enactment hereof.

§ 5. The hunting associations shall be registered in observation of the requirements hereof within 9 months as of the enactment hereof.

~~§ 5. Within 6 months as of the enactment hereof, the Council of Ministers shall adopt Rules on the Implementation hereof.~~

~~§ 6. Fees shall be paid for licensing hereof as determined by the Council of Ministers.~~

§ ~~67~~. The funds for the activities of management, conservation and guarding of game animals and the subsidies of the state game breeding stations shall be provided by the Bulgarian Forest National Fund.

§ 7. This Act shall repeal the Hunting Economy Act (promulgated in the State Gazette, issue 91/1982, amended in issue 13/1997 and issue 11/1998).

§ 8. The following amendments shall be made to the Value Added Tax Act (supplemented SG ~~is-~~sue 153/1998, amended in issues 44, 62, 103 and 111/1999, issue 63/2000), and an item 7 shall be created under Article 14, paragraph 1:

“7. The selling of game animals, hunting trophies, game animal products and the related services to foreigners by means of organized hunting tourism pursuant to the Hunting and Game Protection Act.”

§ 9. The following amendments and supplements shall be made to the Forests Act (SG, 125/1997, amended 79 and 133/1998, 26/1999 and 29/2000):

1 An item 7 shall be created under Article 21:

“7. The hu8nting economy.”

2 An item 5 shall be created under Article 23, paragraph 2:

“5. The hunting economy.”

3 Under Article 57

1 A new paragraph 5 shall be created ~~under Article 57~~:

“(5) The timber from the state forests shall be used by the state game breeding stations in their regions against payment of a fee per root.

2 The existing paragraph 5 shall become paragraph 6.

3 The following amendments and supplements shall be made to Article 93:

a) ~~New~~ items 6, 7 and 21 shall be amended as follows~~established~~:

“6. Fees for hunting rights, for hunting license issuance and endorsement, for issuance of selection shooting certificates, for hunting guides and other permits under Article ~~28~~7, paragraph 2 of the Hunting and Game Conservation Act.

7. Fees for issuance and agreement of certificates, permits, admissions, licenses and other written documents required by the Hunting and Game Conservation Act.

21. Fees for registration and evaluation of hunting trophies according to Article ~~56~~2 and fees for shed game animal horns according to Article ~~63~~57 of the Hunting and Game Conservation Act.”

~~b) The existing items 6, 7 and 21 shall be revoked;~~

be) Items 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 shall be created:

“22. Fines for violations under the Hunting and Game Conservation Act;

23. Funds from the sale of property expropriated to the benefit of the State under the Hunting and Game Conservation Act;

24. Fees under Article ~~52~~46 and contributions under Article ~~53~~47, paragraph 1 of the Hunting and Game Conservation Act;

25. Funds from the state budget for maintenance, insurance and compensation of the hunting guards;

26. Funds from Bulgarian and foreign natural and legal persons, non-governmental organizations and persons for development of the hunting economy, scientific research and applied activities;

27. Funds from the state budget under Article ~~54~~9, paragraph 3 of the Hunting and Game Conservation Act;

28. Money rolled forward from the preceding year.”

54. The following amendments and supplements shall be made In Article 95:

a) the current text shall become paragraph 1 and in it:

aa) ~~a new~~ item 11 shall be amended as follows~~created~~:

“11. Maintenance of the state game breeding stations;”

~~b) the existing item 11 shall be repealed;~~

~~bbe)~~ items 25, 26, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 shall be created:

~~295.~~ Reproduction of game animals;

~~3026.~~ Construction, maintenance and repair of hunting economy facilities and buildings;

~~3127.~~ Acclimatization, re-acclimatization and re-settlement of game animals;

~~3228.~~ Establishment and maintenance of a specialized fodder reserve;

~~3329.~~ Payment of remuneration for regulation of predator numbers;

~~3430.~~ Conservation and guarding of the game animals in the hunting economy regions;

~~3531.~~ Maintenance of hunting museums and organization of hunting exhibitions;

~~3632.~~ Issuance of printed publications, promotion and advertisement, visual aids and training;

~~3733.~~ Maintenance, insurance and compensations for the hunting guards;

~~3834.~~ Preparation of hunting development projects;

~~3935.~~ Delivery of materials, tools, weapons and facilities for the state game breeding stations and the state forestry boards;

~~4036.~~ Scientific services and introductory activities in the hunting economy;

~~4137.~~ Carrying out of international activities related to the hunting economy;

~~4238.~~ Construction, acquisition, repair and other inherent expenses for long-term assets owned by the state game breeding stations;

~~439.~~ Evaluation of hunting trophies;

~~4440.~~ Additional material incentives to the amount of 30 per cent of the amounts received in the National Bulgarian Forest Fund from enacted penal statements in observation of procedures determined by the Head of the National Department of Forests;

~~4541.~~ The hunting economy region submitted for management of game animals by the state forestry boards, to the amount of 80 per cent of the money received under Article ~~5347~~, paragraph 1 of the Hunting and Game Conservation Act;

~~4642.~~ Game breeding sections submitted to scientific institutes, higher education schools and sites for particularly important purposes, to the amount of 80 per cent of the funds received under Article ~~5346, paragraph 1~~ of the Hunting and Game Conservation Act;

~~43. The funds under items 41 and 42 shall be distributed by the hunting economy commissions at the state forestry boards as follows: 30 per cent for the owners of lands and forests and 70 per~~

~~cent for hunting economy activities and compensations for damages caused by game animals, to the hunting economy region from which they are received;~~

~~4744.~~ The owners of lands and forests whose ownership is in the region of the State Game Breeding stations, to the amount of 24 per cent of the fees received under Article ~~5246~~ of the Hunting and Game Conservation Act, and shall be distributed by the hunting economy commissions.

48. Purchasing of lands from natural or legal persons for game feeding grounds.”

b) A paragraph 2 shall be created

“(2) The funds under items 46 and 45 shall be distributed by the hunting economy commissions at the state forestry boards as follows: 30 per cent for the owners of lands and forests and 70 per cent for hunting economy activities and compensations for damages caused by game animals, to the hunting economy region from which they are received.”

§ 10. A paragraph 4 shall be established under Article 14 of the protected Areas Act (promulgated SG 133/1998, amended 98/1999, 28 and 48/2000):~~The use of lead shots in the hunting of waterfowl game animals following January 1, 2001 shall be prohibited.~~

“(4) Fencing of areas in protected areas except in reserves and national parks shall be allowed for the construction of game breeding facilities following agreement with the Minister of Environment and Waters.”

§ 11. The Council of Ministers shall adopt a rules on the implementation hereof within 6 months as of the enactment hereof.

§ 121. The implementation hereof was entrusted to the Minister of ~~Agriculture, Forests and Agrarian Reform~~Agriculture and Forests. In the protected areas that are exclusive property of the state and declared with the Protected Areas Act (~~SG, issue 133/1998~~), the implementation hereof shall be entrusted to the Minister of Environment and Waters.

~~§ 12.~~ This Act was adopted by the XXXVIII National Assembly on September 12th, and sealed with the official seal of the National Assembly~~shall repeal the Hunting Economy Act (supplemented in he State Gazette, issue 91/1982, amended 11/1998) and shall become effective as of.....~~

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LIST OF MAMMALS AND BIRDS WHO ARE SUBJECT TO HUNTING

1. Mammals:

A: Large Game Animals

- 1 Red deer (*Servus elaphus L.*)
- 2 Fallow deer (*Dama dama L.*)
- 3 Roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus L.*)
- 4 Wild boar (*Sus scrofa L.*)
- 5 Chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra L.*)

6 Bear (*Ursus arctos L.*)

- 67 Moufflon (*Ovis musimon Pall.*)
- 78 European bison (*Bison bonasus L.*)
- 89 Tibetan yak (*Bos mutus P.*)
- 910 Ibex (*Capra ibex L.*)
- 11 Wolf (*Canis lupus L.*)

B: Small Game Animals

- ~~10~~12 Wild hare (*Lepus europaeus Pall.*)
- ~~11~~13 Squirrel (*Sciurus vulgaris L.*)
- ~~12~~14 Ondatra (*Ondatra zibethica L.*)
- ~~13~~15 Nutria (*Miocastor coypus Mol.*)
- ~~14~~Wolf (*Canis lupus L.*)
- ~~15~~16 Jackal (*Canis aureus L.*)
- ~~16~~17 Fox (*Vulpes vulpes L.*)
- ~~17~~18 Raccoon (*Nyctereutes procyonoides Greg*)
- ~~18~~19 Wild cat (*Felis silvestris Schreb.*)
- ~~19~~20 Stone marten (*Martes foina L.*)

~~20~~21 European polecat (*Putorius putorius* L.)

~~21~~22 Badger (*Meles meles* L.)

2. Birds:

A: Large Game Animals

1 Cappercaillie (*Tetrao urogallus* L.)

2 Wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo* L.)

B: Small Game Animals

~~23~~ Ring-necked pheasant (*Phasianis colchicus*)

~~34~~ Hunting pheasants (*Phasianus* sp.)

~~45~~ Partridge (*Perdix perdix* L.)

~~56~~ Rock partridge (*Alectoris graeca* L.)

~~67~~ Chukar quail (*Alectoris chukar* L.)

~~78~~ quail (*Coturnix coturnix* L.)

~~8 Wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo* L.)~~

9 Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris* L.)

10 Wood pidgeon (*Columba palumbus* L.)

11 Turtle dove (*Streptopelia turtur* L.)

12 Collared dove (*Streptopelia decaocto* L.)

13 White-fronted goose (*Anser albifrons* L.)

14 Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos* L.)

15 Wild duck (*Anas platyrhynchos* L.)

16 Teal (*Anas querquedula* L.)

17 Teal (*Anas crecca* L.)

18 Widgeon (*Anas penelope* L.)

19 Canard (*Anas clypeata* L.)

20 Tufted duck (*Aythya/Nycora/fuligula* L.)

21 Pintail (*Anas acuta* L.)

22 Coot (*Fulica atra* L.)

- 23 Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo* L.)
- 24 Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola* L.)
- 25 Common snipe (*Gallinago gallinago* L.)
- 26 Starling (*Strunus vulgaris* L.)
- 27 Jay (*Pica pica* L.)
- 28 Hooded crow (*Corvus cornix* L.)
- 29 Rook (*Corvus frugilegus* L.)
- 30 Jackdaw (*Coloeus monedula* L.)